

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Medicaid Advisory Committee February 20, 2015

MAC Members Present

Kathy Chan, Chair, Cook County Health and Hospital System
Howard Peters, Vice-Chair
Karen Brach, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
Kelly Carter, Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Mary Driscoll, Illinois Department of Public Health (ex-officio)
Susan Hayes Gordon, Lurie Children's Hospital
Judy King
Andrea Kovach, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Janine Lewis, EverThrive Illinois
Carrie Nelson for Renee Poole, Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Ed Pont, Illinois Chapter American Academy Pediatrics
John Shlofrock, Barton Management
David Vinkler, Molina
Sue Vega, Alivio Medical Center

HFS STAFF

Felicia Norwood
Jim Parker
Teresa Hursey
John Spears
Amy Harris
Mike Jones
Mike Taylor
Arvind K. Goyal

Interested Parties

Stephanie Altman, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Lisa Arndt, Molina
Sherie Arriazola, TASC
Lindsey Artola, IlliniCare Health
Jeanette Badrov, Superior Ambulance
Stephani Becker, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Eric Boklage, Medical Home Network
Brittan Bolin, Illinois Public Health Association
Judy Bowlby
Eric Brilliant, MyCare Chicago
Jessica Bullock, Presence Health
Terry Carmichael, Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Anna Carvalho, La Rabida
Carrie Chapman, LAF
Laurie Cohen, Civic Federation
Scott Crawford, Home Products Healthcare
Nancy Demaso, Illinois Eye Institute
Palak Desai, Harmony
Paula Dillon, Illinois Hospital Association
Renee Dubois, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Theresa Eagleson, University of Illinois, Office of Medicaid Innovation
Andrew Fairgrieve, Health Management Associates
Paul Frank, Harmony
Catherine Harvey, Molina
Marvin Hazelwood, Consultant
Ashley Higgins, Cigna HealthSpring

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Bobby Hilliard, Harmony
Franchella Holland, Advocate Health Care
Nadeen Israel, EverThrive Illinois
John Jansa, WKG Advisory
Nicole Kazez, University of Illinois Health System
Margaret Kirkegaard, Health Management Associates
Dave Koch, VNA Health Care
Mike Krug, Sunovion Pharmaceuticals
Gregory Kurth, Social Wealth Strategies
Philippe Largent, Consultant
Brigid Leahy, Planned Parenthood
Dawn Lease, Johnson and Johnson
Marylin Martin, Access Living Chicago
Sarita Massey, HealthCura
Martin Matthews, MERCK
Dr. Moriel McClerkin, Southland Care Coordination Partners
Terry McCurren, Otsuka America
Nancy McKee, Sunovion Pharmaceuticals
Emily Miller, Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Jill Misra, Together4Health
Diane Montanez, Alivio Medical Center
Phil Mortis, Gilead
Heather O'Donnell, Thresholds
Renee Popvits, Popovits & Robinson
Regina Porter, Next Level Health
Luvia Quiñones, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Dan Robbins, Heartland
Heather Scalia, Humana
Elaine Schmidt, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Mary Schou, Cigna HealthSpring
Karen Shablin, Optum
Angela Shephard, Humana
Alvia Siddiqi, Automated Health Systems
Tim Smith, MPAG
Jeanine Solinski, University of Chicago Medicine
Meryl Sosa, Illinois Psychiatric Society
Felicia Spivack, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
Alison Stevens, LAF
Anita Stewart, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
Staci Warren, Molina

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- I. **Call To Order:** Chair Kathy Chan called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM
- II. **Introductions:** MAC members and Director Felicia Norwood were introduced.
- III. **Program Status Report:** Program Status Report was included in the following items covered by Acting Administrator, Jim Parker.
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Medicaid Enrollment Update:** Amy Harris from the Bureau of Managed Care gave Managed Care Expansion Enrollment rollout information. The large expansion rollout has been completed in the Metro East, Central IL, Quad Cities and Rockford regions. The focus is now on completing expansion rollout in Cook County. As of March 1st, there will be 1.5 million individuals (Family Health Plan population, ACA adults and complex kids) enrolled in a health plan under managed care expansion. The 1.5 million includes those with a March 1st effective date. Of these enrolled individuals, 48% were enrolled by choice, and 52% were auto enrolled. Of those that enrolled by making a choice, 70% were via phone and 30% via web. Currently, almost 420,000 individuals remain in their 60-day enrollment choice period. Jim Parker added that this number does not include individuals enrolled in a managed care plan in other programs, such as ICP, which would mean around 1.8 million are currently enrolled under managed care.

Health Plan Sanction Update: Jim Parker stated that sanctions have been lifted for 4 plans: Family Health Network, Harmony, HealthCura and Loyola. Illinois Partnership for Health (IPH) sanction has not been lifted but may be lifted soon with a new Executive Director in place. In response to a question, Jim clarified that FHN is only able to accept enrollments for their existing members due to the plan meeting the enrollment cap in Cook and Collar Counties and also due to FHN needing to transition from a MCCN to an MCO based on current enrollment volumes as a MCCN. Comments were made asking that the Department find a better way to communicate with MAC and interested parties about sanctions. MAC

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members would like letters mailed, emails blasted and information posted on the website. A MAC member requested and the Department agreed to post the External Quality Review Report.

B. **Budget and Legislative Priorities:** Jim Parker stated that the proposed budget is going to be tough. HFS has been asked to make \$1.4 billion in cuts. A power point will be posted on Monday, February 23rd at <http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/agency/Pages/Budget.aspx> Details include cuts to the following:

- a. **Rates and Services added since SMART Act:** \$320.8 million dollars in cuts to nursing home rates, adult dental, supportive living facilities, ambulance rates, renal dialysis, safety net hospitals, home health, adult podiatric, specialized mental health facilities for IMDs, rates for children's psychiatric hospitals, etc.
- b. **Optional Services and Rates:** \$290.6 million dollars in cuts to renal, psychiatric hospitals, ACEs, CCEs, reduction in managed care rates, cuts in pharmacy dispensing rates, durable medical equipment, renal dialysis to non-citizens, kidney transplants to non-citizens, raising the DON score, audiology, etc.
- c. **Enhanced Program Integrity Initiatives:** \$74.5 million dollars in cuts based on savings resulting from program integrity, fraud and abuse to clients and providers, etc.
- d. **Non-Core Medical Eligibility:** \$41.3 million dollars in cuts to include cutting Medical breast and cervical cancer, hemophilia, renal, upper income bracket for All Kids including kids with other insurance, health benefits for workers with disabilities, etc.
- e. **Fixed Hospital Payments:** \$734.9 million dollars in cuts to include eliminating GRF to hospitals not based on services, static payments, paying for services instead of lump sums, etc.
- f. **Operations:** \$12.5 million dollars in cuts.

V. Old Business:

A. **Approval of September 12, 2014 Minutes:** September meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.

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VI. MAC Sub-Committee Reports:

- A. Public Education Subcommittee: Chair, Kathy Chan, gave an update on the Public Education Subcommittee business. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2015.
- B. Care Coordination Subcommittee: Dr. Ed Pont, Chair, gave an update on the Care Coordination Subcommittee business. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2015.

VII. Approval of November 14, 2014 Minutes: The approval of Minutes for the November meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: A schedule for the rest of 2015 has not been decided, but the chair proposed Friday, April 17, 2015 for the next meeting, which was unanimously approved and passed.

IX. Open to Committee:

- A. Andrea Kovach asked about Podiatry and dental cuts. Jim Parker stated that since we just learned of budget cuts, it is hard to say what exactly will need to be done, but some of the proposals will require state plan amendments, rule changes and/or legislative changes.
- B. Kelly Carter asked about dispensing fees. With new proposal, all dispensing fees would be reduced by \$2.40. Brand name prescription dispensing fees would go from \$2.40 dispensing fees to \$0. Generic brands would go from \$5.50 to \$3.10.
- C. Dr. Judy King asked committee members if the MAC meetings could include a conference line, so that those unable to be physically present could join by phone. She later asked that a phone line be made available only for MAC members. It was decided that the discussion would be tabled at this time pending further research by the Department exploring the applicable statutes, MAC Bylaws, Open Meetings Act and the logistics involved if that change was made.

X. Open to Public:

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Emily Miller asked about what is going to happen to the CCEs and ACEs when Care Coordination fees are eliminated. Jim Parker responded stating the ACEs can become MCCNs sooner, some can subcontract to MCOs. For example, LaRabida contracts with CountyCare and My Health Care with Health Alliance.

Brigid Leahy asked about the proposed elimination of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. If eliminated, would this trigger a Special Enrollment Period for Marketplace insurance coverage. Jim Parker responded that we did not know yet.

Director Felicia Norwood commented that the proposed budget was just announced two days ago and that there will be a great deal of discussion in the next few months. Director Norwood also stated that she will be looking to the Medicaid Advisory Committee to come to the table to think of solutions, including constructive feedback. She looks forward to working with everyone.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.